

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) Method for the production of a three-dimensional preform having a final three dimensional target shape, from textile starting materials such as fibers, fiber bundles or tapes, characterized in that wherein:
 - a) the fiber geometry and orientation in a two-dimensional bonded fabric is determined by back-calculation from the final three-dimensional target shape,
 - b) the textile starting materials are laid two-dimensionally in a plane to manufacture a two-dimensional bonded fabric, whereby the textile starting materials are laid such that the orientation of the fibers of the textile starting material and the geometry of the two-dimensional bonded fabric are as back-calculated from the three-dimensional target shape in step a) form,
 - c) the final three-dimensional target shape is produced by shaping/draping of the two-dimensional bonded fabric.

2. (currently amended) Method as claimed in ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ after step b) ~~Step b)~~, a compacting is performed.

3. (currently amended) Method as claimed in ~~Claim~~ claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein fibers, fiber bundles or tapes are used as textile starting materials.

4. (currently amended) Method as claimed in ~~at least one of the Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that~~ claim 1 or claim 2, wherein mechanical fixing means and/or a binder are used for fixing.

5. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim 1 or 2 ~~Claim 4, characterized in that~~ wherein pins, clamp elements, adhesive strips or brushes are used as fixing means.

6. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim 1 or 2 ~~Claim 4, characterized in that~~ wherein the textile starting materials are fixed by sewing.

7. (currently amended) Method as claimed in ~~Claim 4~~ claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the textile starting materials are fixed by the introduction of a binder before, during or after the shaping/draping process.

8. (currently amended) Method as claimed in ~~at least one of the Claims 1 to 7, characterized in that~~ claim 1 or 2, wherein pre-impregnated textile materials such as fibers or fiber bundles are used as textile starting materials.

9. (currently amended) Method as claimed in ~~at least one of the Claims 1 to 8, characterized in that~~ claim 1 or 2, wherein after ~~Step a)~~ step b) of the method, the two-dimensional bonded fabric is removed ~~and cut to size if necessary~~ and fed to the three-dimensional shaping/draping process.

10. (canceled)